



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**TIME: 10:20 AM**

**WSR 18-07-056**

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is planning to amend WAC 388-400-0060 "Who is eligible for aged, blind or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?", WAC 388-400-0070 "Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?", WAC 388-447-0001 "What are the incapacity requirements for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?", WAC 388-447-0040 "Progressive evaluation process step II—How does the department determine the severity of mental impairments?", and WAC 388-447-0060 "Progressive evaluation process step IV—How does the department determine the severity of multiple impairments?", and other related rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.040.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.08.090

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** These amendments are necessary to comply with changes mandated by ESHB 2667 (2018 legislative session). These amendments expand eligibility criteria for a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program and clarify the eligibility process to support this change.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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